

Amendments to the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-17, without prejudice.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-17. (canceled)

18. (new) A slide channel for a door closer, comprising:

a guide rail for guiding a slide member connected to the door closer; and
a cover element lining the guide rail.

19. (new) The slide channel of claim 18, wherein the guide rail has two opposite open ends, the slide channel further comprises two fixing parts which close the respective open ends of the guide rail.

20. (new) The slide channel of claim 19, wherein each of the fixing parts has an end wall facing an outside of the slide channel and the end wall being planar in shape, and wherein the cover element extends to the plane of the end wall.

21. (new) The slide channel of claim 18, wherein the guide rail has a generally C-shaped cross section.

22. (new) The slide channel of claim 21, wherein the cover element has two open ends, and a U-shaped cross section with two free ends.

23. (new) The slide channel of claim 22, wherein the cover element is held in place on the guide rail by a positive snap connection.

24. (new) The slide channel of claim 23, wherein the positive snap connection comprises two snap recesses in the guide rail, and two snap cams protruding inward from the respective free ends of the cover element and engaging the respective snap recesses.

25. (new) The slide channel of claim 18, wherein the cover element has an extruded profile.

26. (new) The slide channel of claim 20, having a gap between the cover element and the end wall of each of the fixing parts.

27. (new) The slide channel of claim 26, wherein the end wall has four sides, and a notch on three of the four sides, and wherein the gap is formed by the notch.

28. (new) The slide channel of claim 20, wherein each of the fixing parts has a holding block on which the end wall is formed, the holding block having an attachment boring.

29. (new) The slide channel of claim 28, wherein the holding block has a side facing away from the end wall, and wherein the respective fixing part has an extension extending outward from said side of the holding block and insertable into the guide rail.

30. (new) The slide channel of claim 18, sized to extend over an entire width of a door associated with the door closer.

31. (new) The slide channel of claim 18, further having a length which is equal to a length of the door closer.

32. (new) The slide channel of claim 18, wherein the cover element is comprised of at least one of aluminium, stainless steel and plastic material.